

FIN CLIPS

A **NEW** online newsletter about the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Aquatic Resources Education Program. This program provides educational opportunities including state specific materials on fish and other aquatic resources to volunteer angler education instructors who complete workshop training. People of all ages can explore Fin Clips to learn more about the Angler Education Program and other learning opportunities.

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Water Activities (K-12)

- For fun water activities check out the following website: Topics include, build your own edible aquifer, make your own fishing equipment, knot tying, baiting your hook, boating safety and more!

2003 Year of the Water: Fun activities

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/division/yow/fun.htm>

Repairing Fishing Equipment

Follow these tips to keep your fishing equipment in great working order!

- Periodically use a light, machine oil to lubricate all moving parts.

- Store only soft plastic lures of the same color together since the colors will run.
- Keep a tackle box left open after fishing so the lures can dry out and will not rust.
- When dismantling a reel, make sure to keep all parts in the correct order to reassemble, (an egg carton works well for this). Make sure to also check with the manufacturer's maintenance guidelines for specific suggestions.
- Make a tackle repair field kit: Include the following, reel tools, tiny screwdrivers and wrenches, small pliers, oil and grease, cleaning tools, and spare parts.
- Remember that experience is the best teacher. Practice taking apart a reel and putting it back together. Then, teach others about all its moving parts and how they go together.

Workshop Training

Click below for upcoming workshop training opportunities:

Wisconsin DNR Angler Education Training Workshops 2003-2004

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/fhp/fish/kidsparents/anglereducation/workshopschedule.shtml>

Mailing List

If your contact information needs to be updated or if you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive Angler Education news, updates, and workshop opportunities please contact:

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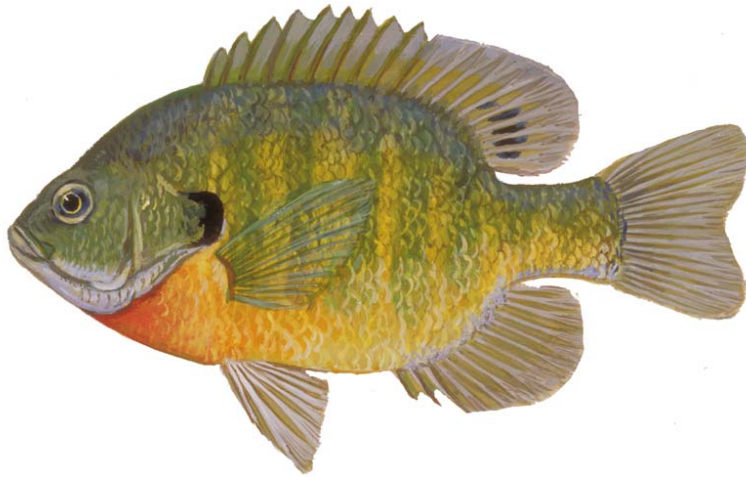
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Featured Fish

The Featured Fish is the: **BLUEGILL**



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Fun Facts

- The bluegill is the most common sunfish in Wisconsin
- Bluegills are very narrow, even the largest are less than 1 inch thick.
- Bluegills are also called panfish, because from the side they look like a flattened frying pan.
- Male bluegills build nests in shallow sand or gravel beds for their young

Investigative Questions

Where do Bluegills live?

Bluegills prefer warm water but stay out of direct sun and find cover in aquatic vegetation and fallen logs.

What do Bluegills eat?

Algae, aquatic vegetation, zooplankton, insects, fish eggs, and sometimes minnows and small fish

Check out the following to learn more about Bluegills:

EEK! Environmental Education for Kids- featuring Bluegill

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/eek/critter/fish/bluegill.htm>

Wisconsin DNR- Fact sheet on Bluegill

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/fhp/fish/3dblgill.htm>

Big Fish Stories

Check out the following website for some great fishing stories written by kids!

EEK! Environmental Education for Kids- Big Fish Stories

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/eek/cool/bigfish/index.htm>

Lakes

Wisconsin Lakes

Explore the WI DNR's Environmental Education for Kids site below for information on Wisconsin's lakes including: what makes a lake, wonderful wacky water critters, lake wildlife, build an underwater scope, water critter key, and lake superior.

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/eek/nature/habitat/lakes.htm>

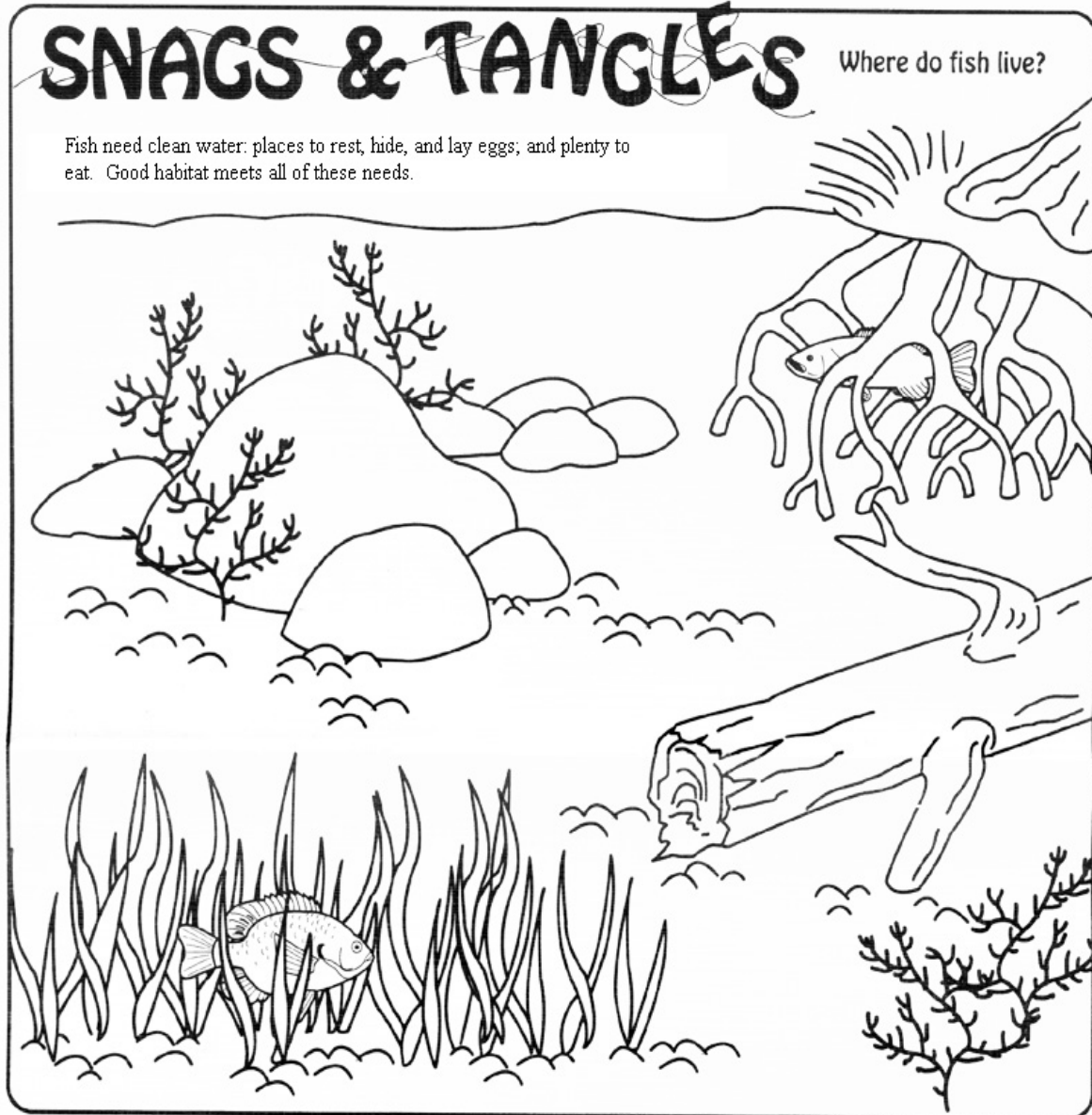
Wisconsin Lakes Publication

Click below for the online version of the popular DNR Wisconsin Lakes publication. It provides information on the physical attributes of Wisconsin's lakes such as the size, depth, type of public access, availability of lake maps, the relative abundance of fish species, and information about fish consumption advisories.

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/fhp/lakes/wilkbook.htm>

Habitats

Where Do Fish Live?



Check out the Wisconsin DNR Bureau of Science Services site for information on Fish & Habitat Research including: biological indices, habitat, management & regulation, and propagation.

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/es/science/fish/index.htm>

Also check out the DNR's Environmental Education for Kids web site link below for information on different habitats including: prairie, wetland, forest, backyard birds, and more.

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/ce/ee/nature/habitat/index.htm>